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By: **Delegate Rzepkowski**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Limousines - Luxury Sedans**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "limousine" to include a luxury sedan  
4 with a certain manufacturer's retail price that is owned and exclusively  
5 operated by a prearranged contracted limousine service; providing that a luxury  
6 sedan that is owned and operated by a limousine service is subject to a certain  
7 surcharge; and generally relating to limousines.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Public Utility Companies  
10 Section 10-112  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1998 Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Transportation  
15 Section 11-129.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2002 Replacement Volume)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

21 10-112.

22 (a) There is a For-Hire Driving Services Enforcement Fund.

23 (b) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the  
24 State Finance and Procurement Article.

25 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to provide adequate resources for the  
26 Commission to enforce the requirements of this title concerning for-hire driving  
27 services.

1 (d) (1) The Fund consists of assessments made on permits for vehicles  
2 regulated by the Commission to provide for-hire driving services in the State.

3 (2) [The]EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS  
4 SUBSECTION, THE Commission shall establish an assessment not exceeding \$40 to be  
5 paid annually with respect to each vehicle permit to provide for-hire driving services,  
6 except for a vehicle permit to be used exclusively for:

7 (i) limousine service; or

8 (ii) employee van transportation to or from a designated work site.

9 (3) A LUXURY SEDAN OWNED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY BY A  
10 LIMOUSINE SERVICE IS SUBJECT TO THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH  
11 (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

12 (e) The Fund is to be used solely for statewide enforcement activities of the  
13 Commission relating to taxicab services and sedan services.

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 11-129.1.

16 (A) "Limousine" means a vehicle that:

17 (1) Has been modified or stretched for transportation of passengers; and

18 (2) Is equipped with amenities not normally provided in passenger cars,  
19 including a custom interior, television, video cassette recorder, musical sound system,  
20 telephone, ice storage area, additional interior lighting, and driver-passenger  
21 communication such as an intercom or power-operated driver partition.

22 (B) "LIMOUSINE" INCLUDES A VEHICLE THAT:

23 (1) IS A LUXURY SEDAN WITH A MANUFACTURER'S SUGGESTED RETAIL  
24 PRICE OF AT LEAST \$30,000 THAT IS NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS OLD; AND

25 (2) IS OWNED AND EXCLUSIVELY OPERATED BY A PREARRANGED  
26 CONTRACTED LIMOUSINE SERVICE.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2003.